

Portland Harbor Meeting
Tribal Stakeholders and EPA, 10:30-11:15am
Community Stakeholders and EPA, 11:15-12noon
January 7, 2014
Meeting Notes

Attendees: EPA-Jim Woolford, Dennis McLerran, Lori Cohen and EPA staff; representatives from ODEQ, NOAA, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and the Nez Perce Tribe, Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group, Willamette RiverKeepers, Portland Harbor Community Coalition, Wisdom of the Elders, and Right 2 Survive/Right 2 Dream Too. The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation were unable to travel but provided statements in the attached letter.

Meeting purpose: Time to share input and thoughts on Portland Harbor Superfund project from a Tribal and community perspective with EPA's senior management. EPA management provided general remarks and site updates.

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- HQ involvement w/ ROD: Dennis opened meeting and spoke on Sen. Wydens' desire for greater HQ involvement. Sen. Wyden was concerned that process taking too long, intention was to get to point in process where work can get started.
- Tribal request/discussion: want more involvement/feedback on meetings between EPA/LWG executives and Congressional meetings. Want follow up notes from meetings and to stay informed of meetings.
- Dennis committed to meeting with the tribes and the CAG on the parallel schedule with his meetings with the LWG to ensure that EPA executives are hearing all perspectives on the project.
- Discussion of new schedule- Tribes concerned about the new anticipated date for the proposed plan. Continue having to report to Tribal Elders that the date for proposed plan changed and pushed back to later date.
- Tribes expressed concern/ asked about continued funding from PRPs.
- Tribes want a remedy: (1) protective of all fish species and (2) one that accounts for higher fish consumption of tribes.
- Upcoming actions between EPA/MOU Partners: (1) EPA expects to go before NRRB summer 2014. Board to give technical assistance, expertise, augment support to region. (2) Fall 2014 meet with Tribes (informal consultation) to discuss conceptual plan (proposed plan). No formal plan, just conceptual framework for plan.
- EPA to clarify what activity on RRB that Tribes should participate in (should they provide written comments? be prepared to speak?)

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- Right to Dream- Be aware there is a Houseless population which bathes, fishes and lives along river.
- There is an urban Tribal community- be aware there are many other Tribal members, not a part of the MOU Parters, who are also are engaged and what to see a clean river, fish protected and river cleaned up.
- Portland Harbor Community Coalition- asking EPA to conduct study of EJ communities that may be impacted by contamination and methods being considered for cleaning up harbor. CAG- wanted to see copy of the conceptual model when ready.